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SUBJ: BELIZE IN STATE OF NATION ADDRESS

1. SUMMARY: BELIZE FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN PRESIDENT LAUGERUD'S ANNUAL STATE OF NATION ADDRESS OPENING NEW CONGRESSIONAL SESSION. STATEMENT LACKED SOME OF THE STRIDENCY OF OTHER RECENT GOG PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT LAUGERUD'S JULY 1 MESSAGE TO CONGRESS CONCLUDED WITH EXTENDED REFERENCE TO BELIZE SITUATION. LAUGERUD REAFFIRMED GOG DESIRE TO RESOLVE PROBLEM PEACEFULLY AND IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, A DESIRE WHICH, HE SAID, "APPEARED NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY SOME NATIONS." GOG "HAD HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO REJECT ENERGETICALLY IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS." IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, LAUGERUD DENOUNCED "THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO INTERFERE WITH THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM BY TRYING TO ESTABLISH THE RESULTS FOR US BEFOREHAND AND WHICH ARE BASED ON ALIEN IDEOLOGIES AND AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH RESTS THE POLITICAL

ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONS OF THIS CONTINENT."
LAUGERUD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOG "GOOD FAITH AND
DECENCY" WOULD BE "RECIPROCATED BY UK IN THE CONDUCT
OF THE NEGOTIATIONS." BUT SHOULD THE UK "SEEK TO
DISTORT THE ISSUE BY INTRODUCING ELEMENTS WHICH ALTER
IT RADICALLY," GUATEMALANS WOULD BE COMPELLED TO MAKE
THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN DEFENSE OF THE FATHERLAND.
TO BELIZEANS, HE DENIED ANY DISPOSITION "TO CURTAIL
THEIR FREEDOMS, INSTITUTIONS, MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD OR
SEARCH FOR A DESTINY BETTER THAN THAT OF REMAINING
MIRED IN ANACHRONISTIC COLONIALISM." GUATEMALA'S WISH,
HE SAID, "IS THAT REGION LIVE ALWAYS IN PEACE, DEVOTED
TO HARMONY AMONG ITS PEOPLES, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
AND THE HUGE TASKS OF COMMON DEVELOPMENT."

3. COMMENT: WHILE NOT A RETREAT FROM PAST OFFICIAL
STATEMENTS, LAUGERUD'S LANGUAGE ON THIS OCCASION WAS
RELATIVELY MEASURED.
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